

MAN WITH A MESSAGE: Democrat Richard F. VanderVeen, the 51-year-old lawyer who won Vice President Gerald Ford's 5th congressional seat Monday, holds a piece of campaign literature. VanderVeen is the first Democrat to gain the seat since 1916. (AP Wirephoto)

VanderVeen Victory 'Message' To Nixon

By PIET BENNETT
Associated Press Writer
GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — Using Watergate as his war cry, Democrat Richard VanderVeen has snapped the Republican stranglehold upon Vice President Gerald Ford's longtime congressional seat in a titanic political upset.

"We are sending a message to Washington tonight," the 51-year-old corporation lawyer told a cheering crowd celebrating his victory Monday night in snatching Michigan's 5th District Congressional seat.

He called again for the President's resignation, as he did all through his campaign.

VanderVeen's victory broke a 64-year Republican lock upon

the post and posed ominous hints for the GOP's future in this national election year.

Using the theme that the special election to fill Ford's unexpired term was a "referendum on President Nixon," the Democrat polled just over 51 per cent of the vote while defeating favored Republican Robert VanderLaan by nearly 7,000 votes.

About 40 per cent of the district's 260,000 registered voters turned out Monday to put VanderVeen in office.

Complete unofficial returns showed VanderVeen with 53,008 votes to the GOP state senator's 46,159. American Independent candidate Dwight Johnson polled 4,544 votes while Frank Girard, the Socialist Labor nominee, had 454.

"If I were Nixon I'd say I was in trouble," Michigan Democratic Chairman Morley Winograd exulted. "Nixon was part of this campaign, so this is very significant in terms of what might happen to him."

Winograd contended there were three reasons for the Democratic triumph — party unity, campaign organization and "the issues of the economy, the energy crisis that is messing up people's lives and Watergate."

"Watergate killed us," said GOP state Chairman William McLaughlin. "I don't know of anything else. That's the issue that VanderVeen made. We got our Republicans out and that's a Republican district. Without a doubt there is a message. People don't like what's going on in Washington."

McLaughlin said said the election means it will be "a tough year" for Republicans.

Asked if he favors Nixon's resignation or impeachment, McLaughlin said, "I'm giving a lot of thought to what we've got to do. It's obvious something has to be done on the national level, but I don't know what."

State Rep. John Otterbacher of Grand Rapids, who forsook a Democratic primary challenge to VanderVeen, declared "Watergate is a big part of this election. We wanted to send a

message to Washington — and when you send it from the 5th District, that's a message."

VanderLaan, 49, who had never lost in 15 previous elections, refused to discuss his failure, saying "we're not going to talk about the anatomy of it until we've had a chance to sleep on it."

But Robert Eleveld, a lawyer who is GOP chairman in Kent County, where almost 90 per cent of the district's voters reside, called the party's loss "a protest vote against the President."

The GOP official added "the people here have had a chance to say we don't like it (Water-

gate) and we're telling you — the rest of the country may well do the same thing next fall...if they do, the party is in terrible trouble."

Ford himself seemed stunned by the outcome.

"You can't mean that," the

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VICTORY HUG: Richard F. VanderVeen and wife, Marion embrace outside Grand Rapids' Eastern Hall after Monday night's victory celebration. The 51-year-old lawyer won Vice President Gerald Ford's old 5th congressional seat, the first Democrat to do so since 1916. (AP Wirephoto)

Trans-Atlantic Balloon Soaring With Jet Stream

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Thomas Gatch Jr.'s bid to make the first balloon flight across the Atlantic has suffered a slight setback, but he is still cruising along at 35,500 feet above the sea.

After crossing the coastline north of Atlantic City, N.J., Monday night, Gatch reported by radio that one of his 10 superpressure balloons had ruptured and was draped over a porthole on his pressurized gondola, Light Heart.

Gatch said he heard a loud noise when the balloon apparently burst, just over an hour after take-off.

The 48-year-old bachelor from Alexandria, Va., lifted off from Harrisburg International Airport at 7:29 p.m. EDT Monday on a flight he hopes will take him to southern France or northern Spain in approximately 52 hours. At 10 p.m. EDT, Aeronautical Instrument & Radio Co. in New York reported Gatch at about 200 miles southeast of New York City.

Aides said the timetable would change because the ruptured balloon would force Gatch to fly lower than the 39,000 feet

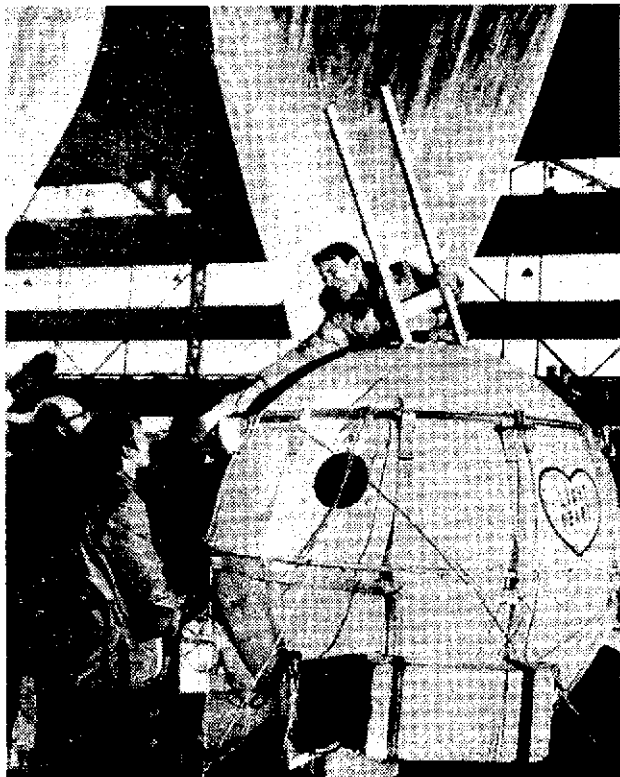
originally planned. They said the craft could lose two more balloons without placing the flier in danger.

The radio monitoring station in New York reported the Light Heart was traveling about 140 miles per hour in an eastbound jet stream when it crossed the coastline.

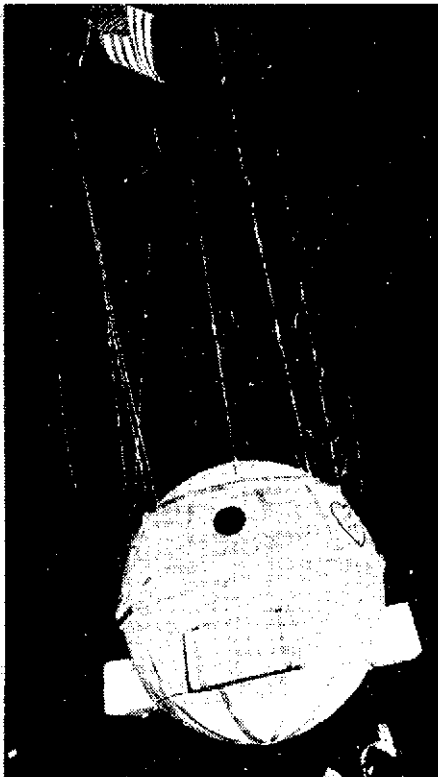
The Air Transport Association in Washington said that just before 3 a.m. Gatch reported he was 200 miles southeast of Bermuda at 36,000 feet. He expected to be due east of New York City later in the day.

The Army Reserve colonel spent \$60,000 and two years planning the flight with the transparent polyester balloons, which measure 26 feet in diameter when fully inflated. The helium expands as the balloon ascends, and the balloons would have been fully inflated at 39,000 feet, aides said.

Gatch's fiberglass and plastic gondola is equipped with two radios, provisions for 10 days and styrofoam flotation devices.



BALLOONIST SEEKS AVIATION FIRST: Tom Gatch, balloonist from Fairfax county, Va., removes the ladder from his gondola and receives last-minute handshakes as he prepares to leave hangar at Harrisburg, Pa., International airport in his at-



tempt to be the first to cross Atlantic in a balloon. At right, ground crewmen release the gondola as it is borne skyward with 10 helium-filled balloons. (AP Wirephotos)

It's A Flop

BOLZANO, Italy (AP) — A 27-year-old striptease dancer has filed a \$100,000 suit against a plastic surgeon, claiming an operation to lift her sagging breasts was a failure and ruined her career.

The dancer, Moroccan-born Fatima Bajaly, complained in her suit that, after the corrective surgery, parts of her breasts became "cross-eyed" and put her to shame.

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Whirlpool's Profits Climb 27 Per Cent

Whirlpool Corporation profits went up 27 per cent in 1973, and sales increased 16 per cent.

Whirlpool Monday announced consolidated net sales of \$1,636,949,000 and consolidated net earnings of \$86,608,000 or \$2.41 a share for 1973.

The 1972 totals were sales of \$1,416,251 and earnings of \$68,233,000 or \$1.91 a share.

John Platts, Whirlpool board chairman, said aggressive cost reduction and stringent cost control programs enabled Whirlpool to show record earnings despite increased costs in materials, purchased components and labor.

Platts added that industry shipments of major home appliances set new records again in 1973, although some moderation occurred late in the fourth quarter.

He said Whirlpool was able to maintain its

manufacturing and shipping schedules with relatively few interruptions despite shortages of materials, components and transportation in the second half of 1973.

Looking ahead to 1974, Platts said he expects industry appliance shipments to be equal to 1973. He also is optimistic about the longer term outlook for both Whirlpool and the industry, despite many uncertainties facing the economy and industry the next several months.

The Whirlpool board of directors meeting yesterday declared a quarterly dividend of 20 cents a share on common stock, payable March 15 to stockholders of record March 1, 1974.

The board also set March 1 as the record date for the annual meeting of Whirlpool stockholders to be held April 23 at Chicago.

Whirlpool's Holt Retiring; Willemijn To Assume Duties



WALTER A. HOLT



ROBERT B. WILLEMIJN

Walter A. Holt, vice president, chief financial officer and treasurer of Whirlpool Corporation, has announced his retirement effective June 30, 1974.

Holt has been with Whirlpool and its predecessor companies 39 years.

Effective July 1, Robert B. Willemijn, group vice president, will assume the added responsibility of chief financial officer.

Whirlpool Chairman John Platts announced several other changes in organization and reporting relationships.

Robert J. Flaatt, previously assistant treasurer, was elected treasurer at yesterday's board of directors meeting. Flaatt assumes that office immediately.

Reporting to Flaatt in his new post will be John Hunter, assistant treasurer and director of trust administration; William E. Naylor, assistant treasurer and credit manager; and Robert T. Swender, director of auditing.

Holt will continue as chief financial officer until his retirement with the following reporting to him: Stanley G. Petzel, president, Appliance Buyers Credit Corporation (ABCC); Leo R. Montgomery, corporate controller; and Flaatt, treasurer. Holt also will remain as chairman of the board of ABCC until retiring.

Holt was named treasurer of Whirlpool in 1960, and elected a vice president in 1962. He is a graduate of University of Michigan

with a B.A. degree and received a master's degree from Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration.

Flaatt joined Whirlpool in 1959, was appointed assistant treasurer in 1970, and has been director of investor relations since 1968.

He has bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration from Xavier university. He also won an Alfred P. Sloan fellowship and attended Sloan School of Management at Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he received a master of science degree.

Montgomery, corporate controller, with responsibility for general accounting and taxation, will report to Chairman Platts after Holt's retirement.

Willemijn effective July 1 will become chairman of ABCC along with chief financial officer. He will continue as general counsel with responsibility for the law department and the office of corporate secretary.

Still reporting to Willemijn in his capacity as group vice president will be Whirlpool's International Division, corporate and public affairs department, and Whirlpool's Canadian affiliate, Ingls, Ltd., of Toronto.

Willemijn joined Whirlpool in 1953 and established the com-

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ROBERT J. FLAATT



LEO R. MONTGOMERY



SUPT. SCHMIDT
He'll Divide \$10,350

Ten Lakeshore Administrators To Get Raises

By ALAN AREND
Staff Writer

Lakeshore school board last night gave approval to Supt. Frederick Schmidt to disburse \$10,350 in salary hikes to 10 key school administrators for the 1974-75 school year.

The hikes are to be for the district's eight principals and its two assistant superintendents.

Schmidt said the salary increases, taken from the \$10,350, would in all probability vary for each administrator, based on performance evaluations. The additional money is 6 per cent more than the total salaries received by the 10 administrators for the current school year. The board also voted that the administrators' contracts be extended for two years.

The individual contracts of the 10 administrators are to be ratified by the board at a later date, hopefully next month, according to Schmidt.

Current salaries of the ad-

ministrators are William Galbreath, assistant superintendent, \$21,000; Edward Reilly, high school principal, \$19,500; John Woods, junior high principal, \$19,200; Miss Gloria Vanderbeck, director of instruction, \$18,300; Dennis Knipola, assistant high school principal and athletic director, \$18,200; Charles Reed, Roosevelt principal, \$16,500; Robert Porter, Stewart principal, \$15,900; Les Collins, Stevensville principal, \$15,500; Richard Peterson, Hollywood principal, \$14,950; and David Coffeen, Baroda principal, \$14,500.

It was revealed, following the regular board meeting that Schmidt has already been granted a pay raise for this year and next.

The board in a special meeting Feb. 11, unanimously approved boosting Schmidt's salary by \$1,000 this year to \$23,000, extending his contract through the 1975-76 school year and setting his 1974-75 salary at \$25,000. The salary for the final year of the new contract was left open.

The Feb. 11 meeting had been described as a work session closed to the public.

In other action, the board approved ratification of a change in the master teaching agreement regarding teacher conference leaves of absence.

In the agreement as it now reads, the board agrees to provide the necessary funds, including travel, lodging, registration fees, meals and substitute teacher.

The additional clause, approved by the board last night, states: "Nothing in this clause shall prevent the superintendent from granting the leave request with the understanding that the teacher assume part or all of the expense involved except the cost of the substitute teacher. All approved reimbursement claims will be paid within established budget limitations."

The additional clause must also be approved by the Lakeshore Education association in order to become effective.

The board also adopted its new school philosophy, outlining how the educational efforts of the Lakeshore public schools should be directed toward the development of each student.

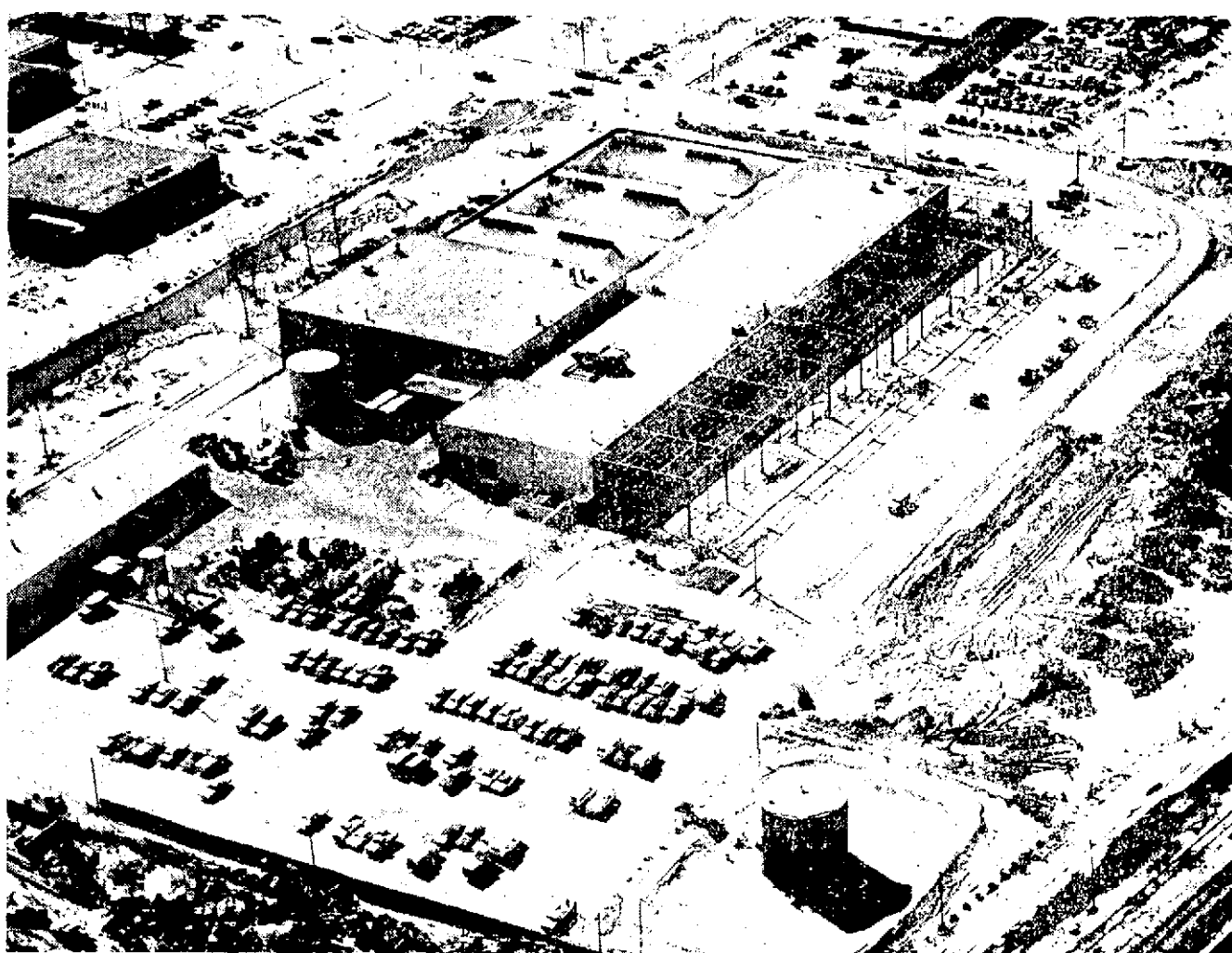
The 1974-75 school calendar was approved by the board, with the exception of the starting time of classes. It was the opinion of the board, that no action be taken on the starting time of classes, until the time question is resolved. Classes will start on Sept. 3, 1974 and end on June 10, 1975.

The board approved realignment of school district voting precincts in order to correspond with recent precinct changes made by the Lincoln township board. The school district will now have eight voting precincts instead of six, according to Asst. Supt. William Galbreath.

A resolution was also passed by the board urging state and federal government officials to take all action necessary toward rescinding daylight savings time during the winter months.

Schmidt reported that the school system's enrollment as of Jan. 28, was 3,789 62 less than on Sept. 28, 1973. Senior high had an enrollment of 1,093; junior high, 779; and the five elementary schools, 1,917.

The board announced it would hold a special work session on March 4, to discuss the 1974-75 budget.



WHIRLPOOL CONSTRUCTION: Steel framework is erected for 26,400 square-foot addition to Whirlpool Corp. Benton Harbor plant, 151 North Riverview drive. Completion is expected in April, and total project is estimated at over \$500,000. View looking southwest shows Riverview drive at top. Oil storage tank is right of parking lot. Addition will house machinery used in manufacture of washer components. Pearson Construction Co. is general contractor. (Aerial photo by Adolph Hann)

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Contributions Sought For Litowich Fund

A special committee seeking funds to commemorate the late Harry Litowich and the many things he did for his community issued a special call for contributions today.

A memorial fund honoring the late state senator is to be presented to Mercy hospital Friday night as a feature of the Lincoln Day dinner at the Benton Harbor Holiday inn.

Former Senator Litowich died in Benton Harbor's Mercy hospital on July 2, 1973, of traffic accident injuries.

Atty. F.A. "Mike" Jones, spokesman for the special committee, said the memorial presentation will be made in conjunction with the annual dinner of the Berrien County Republican party because Gov. William Milliken will attend the dinner. The governor and Mr. Litowich entered the legislature at the same time and were associates for a number of years in Lansing. The memorial fund is non-



HARRY LITOWICH

partisan, Jones stated.

Contributions, requested by Friday, can be made to any member of the five-man committee or mailed to Atty. F.A. Jones, P.O. Box 455, Benton Harbor. Other members of the committee, in addition to Jones, are: Joe Carver, John Banyon, Forrest Pearson and Jack Martin.

Utah Mishap Claims Former Galien Man

GALIEN — Donal G. Jerue, 32, Knab, Utah, formerly of Galien, was killed instantly Sunday when a cable broke and struck him while erecting an electrical transmission tower at Knab.

Mr. Jerue was born Jan. 23, 1942, in Berrien Center.

Survivors include his widow, the former Sarah Armstrong, whom he married in April of 1969 in Georgia; a son, Donal Jr.; a daughter, Tania; his mother, Mrs. Irene Jerue of Galien; and a brother, Thomas of Niles.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Swem chapel of the Swem-Smith funeral home, Buchanan. Friends may call at the funeral home after noon on Wednesday.

On Dean's List

Cheryl Booher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Booher, 3624 Lake Shore drive, St. Joseph, has been named to the Dean's list at Hope college for the fall semester. A graduate of St. Joseph high school, Miss Booher is a freshman at Hope.

Sandvik Steel Officials Tell Rotary

Swedish Firm Happy To Be Here

By SCOTT WILLIAMSON
Staff Writer

"It's almost impossible to go through a day without using one of our products," the general manager of Sandvik Steel Corp. in Benton township told Twin Cities Rotarians yesterday.

Edward Mayle told Rotarians Sandvik has plants in 40 countries and manufactures items that are directly or indirectly used by almost everyone—razor blades, piston rings for cars, refrigerator parts, and saw blades, to name a few.

Mayle and George Supko, marketing services manager for Sandvik from Scranton, Pa., gave a slide and talk presentation to acquaint Rotarians with one of the Twin Cities newer industries.

Sandvik started operations in the Pipestone Industrial District of Benton township last

summer. Sandvik is headquartered in Sweden. The plant here manufactures steel for the textile industry and steel for knives. Mayle said the Pipestone Industrial District plant started with about 25 employees, and hopes to expand in the next few years.

Sandvik was founded in 1859, and manufactures steel products, including springs and strip steel, in addition to tube and pipe, wire, and conveyors. The firm also manufactures carbide cutting tools for the mining industry.

"The nuclear power industry is the single largest outlet for our tubes and pipe," Supko said, and Mayle added that Sandvik tubing and welding wire is being used in the Donald C. Cook nuclear plant near Bridgeport.

Supko also said orders for re-

tractor springs for seat belts in cars comprise about 50 per cent of the orders for springs.

Mayle said when he received the assignment to find the location for a new plant in the U.S., he talked to a friend in the Twin Cities, who informed him of the

Pipestone Industrial district location.

He said from the time he got the assignment, it took him only six days to settle on the Benton township site, but his boss was not convinced the proper location could be found in six days.

So, said Mayle, he "spent the next five months" proving to the boss he was right.

Apparently he proved his point, as his closing statement testified: "Sandvik is very happy to be in St. Joseph, Benton Harbor."



ROTARIANS MEET SANDVIK: Representatives from Sandvik Steel Corp., which opened new manufacturing plant in Pipestone Industrial district last summer, gave brief history of firm and told of operations in local plant during luncheon of Twin Cities Rotary club yesterday at St. Joseph Elks lodge. Discussing program are (from left): Bill Dillingham, of Rotary club; Edward Mayle, general manager of Benton township plant; and George Supko, marketing services manager of firm from Scranton, Pa. (Staff photo)

Youths Accused Of Burglaries

Berrien sheriff's detectives reported numerous cases of burglary and vandalism in Hagar township have been solved with the arrests of 10 youths—both boys and girls—ranging in age from 12 to 16.

Det. Fred Reeves said a series of burglaries and vandalism began late last summer, and involved two separate groups of youths who walked along the beach, burglarizing or damaging houses where no one was home.

Reeves said the groups "worked" an area along the beach, roughly starting from Lynch road and north along US-31. One "gang," with three girls and one boy, took some \$3,000 worth of loot, including jewelry, cash, and camera equipment, from 10 homes, Reeves said. He added detectives have recovered about \$2,900 worth of goods.

He stated the other "gang," consisting of four boys and two girls, was responsible for burglaries to four cottages along the lake, and numerous acts of vandalism.

Reeves said trees were cut down, wiring ripped out of walls, and fires started in many of the homes.

He said the 10 youths, all of Hagar township, were petitioned to juvenile court, and five more arrests were expected.

April Fools' Day Already?

State police of the Benton Harbor post reported a man made three telephone calls to the post early today and gave a running commentary of breaking into a restaurant.

Sgt. William Scott, dispatcher at the post, said he received a call about 12:50 a.m. from a man who claimed he had just broken into a "place" and was going to have a steak on the owners and then would call back later.

Scott received a second call about 20 minutes later from the same man who said he was in the process of drinking a beer and would call back shortly to turn himself in.

A patrol car was dispatched to Hil-dagard's, Paw Paw Lake road, Coloma, about 1:25 a.m. when the third call was received and the man reported he had finished his meal and was inside that restaurant.

Troopers dispatched to the scene reported the restaurant had been closed for the past two months for repairs. The building was found to be secure and no table scraps or empty beer containers could be found in the area.

Troopers suspect a prankster was at work.

BUS FARE RAISED WITHOUT APPROVAL OF SJ

St. Joseph city commissioners last night were informed that the Twin Cities Motor Transit Company has raised bus fares without city commission approval.

Commissioners also received but took no action on a request for senior citizen parking stickers. The stickers would allow persons 65 or older to attend meetings or go shopping in the downtown area without being issued parking citations if they go over the two hour parking meter limit.

In other business, the commission gave first reading to an ordinance amendment that would require a building permit for all new fences.

Joseph Mammuna, president of Twin Cities Motor Transit, told the city commission that he was given verbal approval by the Michigan Public Service commission to raise bus rates.

The 10 cent fare increase went into effect Feb. 14, Mammuna said. Adult fares are now 60 cents with an additional 15 cents for transfer. There will also be a 75 cents fare for a bus run between Stevensville and the Twin Cities plus student rates.

Mammuna said he asked both Benton Harbor and St. Joseph for a fare increase last October but heard nothing from either commission. Benton Harbor last week passed a resolution opposing an increase.

The commission was presented with a summary of the bus company's 1973 operations showing: income from fares of \$10,559 and expenses of \$14,586 for an operating loss of \$4,027. Mammuna said the number of passengers dropped 50 per cent last year. He also said his charter bus service offsets the operating loss of the public transit system.

City Commissioners then directed City Manager G.W. (Jerry) Hepler to contact the Michigan Public Service commission to see what their approval consists of and who has jurisdiction to grant fare increases.

Cecil Wismer of 1624 Lakeshore drive made the request for senior citizen stickers. He is vice-president of the Berrien county Council on Aging.

Wismer said senior citizens paid taxes for years and should not

be penalized if they get back to their parked automobiles a few minutes over the two hour limit. He said he would like every senior citizen in the city to have a sticker for parking during the week.

Mayor Franklin Smith noted that granting privileges to select groups can create problems. But he said the commission would give the request some investigation.

Both the fence and a water ordinance amendment will be up for final approval at next week's commission meeting.

The fence ordinance amendment specifies that all fences in residential areas shall be of open, ornamental construction. The top of these fences shall be curved, pointed or uneven, and there shall be at least one inch between the slats or members.

City Atty. A.G. Preston, Jr. said residents had made complaints about fences. He said the purpose of the amendment is to get away from the "old backyard Tom Sawyer fence" for fences that are ornamental and that provide air circulation.

Since the amendment requires a building permit for all new fences, the building department of the city would be able to

eliminate problems from the beginning, Preston said.

The water amendment is aimed at regulating cross connections such as wells or any second source of water that gets into the house system and which could possibly contaminate or pollute the public water system.

The water amendment would permit inspection of property served by the public water supply to locate cross connections (water coming in to the public supply from outside sources), terminate water service until cross connections are eliminated, and require a warning sign of unsafe water for drinking on any water outlet which may be used for domestic purposes and which is not supplied by the public water supply.

Preston said the water amendment is being prompted by the Michigan Department of Public Health and that cross connections are a problem throughout the state.

The commissioners also adopted a resolution asking the state highway department for a permit for routing of the Blossom Parade.

Cook Power Plant Headed For 1974 AEC Licensing

Lake Michigan shoreline property owners and five environmentalist groups have withdrawn opposition and cleared the way for licensing

this year of the Donald C. Cook nuclear plant in Bridgman. The property owners have also settled a one million dollar damage suit filed in 1970

against Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, owner of the plant. The suit had claimed that construction at the plant had caused erosion and threatened homes overlooking the lake.

A public licensing hearing scheduled today in Grand Rapids by the Atomic Energy Commission's Atomic Energy Safety and Licensing board has been canceled because of the withdrawal as intervenors of the property owners and environmentalist groups.

Max Paglin, chairman of the Atomic Energy Safety and Licensing board, said that as a result of an agreement between

parties the citizens groups would be able to still keep an eye on the nuclear plant's operation.

The AEC's regulatory staff will conduct intensive inspections and reviews of the Cook plant, but if everything else is up to satisfaction there should be a "fairly speedy" issuing of an operating license, Paglin said. Asked if the license would be issued by the end of this year, Paglin said "it should be well before then."

Atty. Robert Vollen, counsel for the environmental groups, said his clients agreed to withdraw from the licensing

proceedings after reaching the agreement with the power company and the AEC regulatory staff. He said it would give them an opportunity to see how the plant operates and he denied that their withdrawal had been prompted by the energy crisis.

The agreement calls for: I & M to limit operation of the Cook plant's first unit to 81 per cent of power the first year and also agree to limit the second unit at less than full power if recommended for the first year by an advisory committee of the AEC.

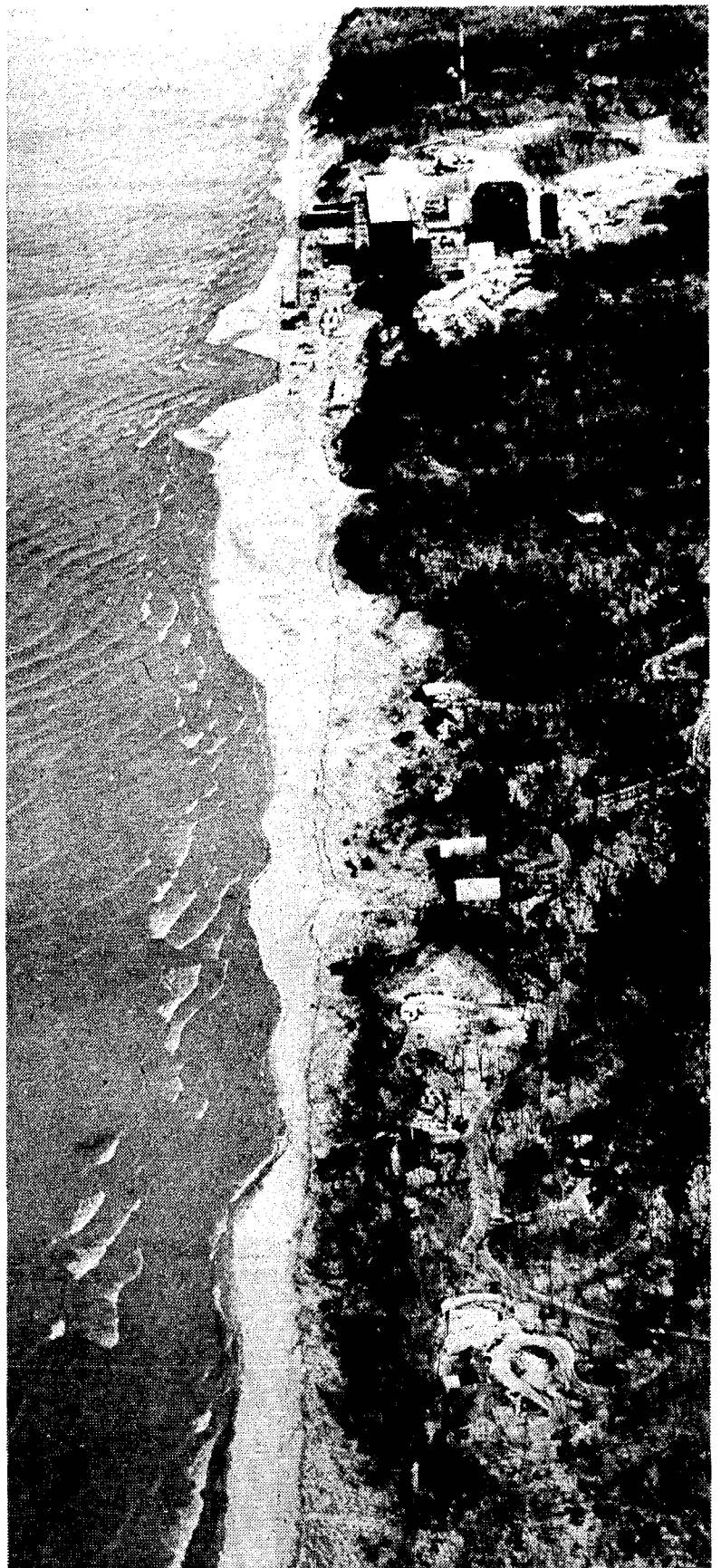
Also under the agreement: I & M and the AEC's regulatory staff would submit all correspondence pertaining to the Cook plant to the environmentalist groups for a period of five years; both agree to support for a period of three years after operating a request by the citizens groups for hearings on operation of the plant; and I&M would support the citizens groups participating in any hearing on thermal discharge.

Atty. Lewis Drain of Grand Rapids, counsel for the property owners, said his clients decided to withdraw as intervenors after the agreement by I&M and the environmentalist groups. Drain would only say that his clients decided it "wasn't in their interest" to continue as intervenors.

The property owners intervention was filed on behalf of Mrs. Harriet Brooks of Bridgman and 8 other property lakefront owners near the Cook plant. The environmentalist groups include: Businessmen for the Public Interest (BPI); the Sierra Club; the West Michigan Environmental Action Council; the Dunewood Property Owners Association; and the Rosemary Beach Association.

Among the environmental contentions of the property owners had been that heated water discharge from the Cook plant into Lake Michigan would kill certain fish, give water an offensive odor and melt ice along the shoreline speeding wintertime erosion. The environmentalist groups had urged the installation of water cooling towers and expressed concern about the fallibility of an ice condenser system for emergency cooling.

The damage suit was dismissed on Feb. 13 by stipulation of parties and the dismissal order signed by Acting Federal Judge John Feikens in Grand Rapids. Attorneys for the property owners and for I&M said the details of the settlement were confidential.



BEACH SUIT SETTLED: A group of lakefront property owners southward from Cook nuclear power plant have settled \$1 million suit they filed in March of 1970 for alleged damage to beach. Suit claimed temporary harbor built to assist construction phases caused erosion to their property. Indiana & Michigan Electric Co., builder of plant, nourished beachfront with over 500,000 million yards of sand over four-year life of harbor. This picture taken Dec. 31, within couple of weeks after breakwaters were removed, shows results. End of damage suit in Kalamazoo federal district court was disclosed when property owners also revealed they were dropping out as intervenors against licensing of the plant by Atomic Energy commission. Settlement terms were not disclosed. (Adolph Hann aerial photo.)

Manpower Grant For Tri-Counties Is Confirmed

The Region 4 Ancillary Manpower Planning Board (AMPB), headed by Mayor Charles Joseph of Benton Harbor, has received confirmation of a \$102,000 grant for the manpower fund, according to the mayor's office.

The Region 4 AMPB covers

Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren counties, and the funds will be distributed among the three, according to Mrs. Donna Cooke, administrative assistant to the mayor.

Notification of the grant came from Richard Donnabue, director of state manpower programs. Mrs. Cooke said.

She said the board must still decide how the grant will be allocated among recipients in the tri-county area.

Mrs. Cooke indicated the funds will be used for programs that placed youths in businesses and industry, with part of the salary coming from AMPB monies and part from the employer.

She said the funds were part of recommendations submitted by various boards to the Regional Manpower Coordinating committee last May, and is part of state manpower revenue sharing allocations. She said the money was distributed to local AMP boards after consideration of the unemployment rate, the number of poor, and previous allocations.

Benton Harbor has an unemployment rate estimated at 18 per cent, Mrs. Cooke said, while Berrien county's unemployment rate is about 6½ per cent.

Lawmaker Arrested As Drunk

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — State Rep. James O'Neill Jr. of Saginaw was arrested last Friday on a charge of driving while intoxicated, Eaton County Sheriff Eugene Hoag said Monday.

Hoag said deputies arrested O'Neill at 2:41 a.m. in Delta Township near Lansing.

The sheriff said the Saginaw Democrat spent the night in jail at Charlotte and was arraigned later in the day before 56th District Court Judge Kenneth Hansen.

Hoag said O'Neill stood mute and an automatic plea of innocent was entered. He was freed on \$100 bond.



JAMES POSTELLO



MICHAEL CONWAY

Troopers Honor Decaturites Who Rescued Woman

DECATUR — Michigan state police have awarded Citizen Meritorious Service citations to two rural Decatur men for apprehending a man in connection with a knife assault on a woman outside a Sister Lakes bowling alley Aug. 25, 1973.

The men are James Postello, 38, route 1, CR-215, Decatur, and Micheal Conway, 32, route 2, Decatur.

According to the state police, the two men ran down and captured a man after Cheryl Secor, 20, of rural Dowagiac, was wounded with a knife in the parking lot of the Lakes Bowl, Sister Lakes.

Police reported the men gave pursuit when they saw a man running after hearing a woman scream.

The victim was treated at Lee Memorial hospital, Dowagiac, for cuts of the left hand and abdomen.

The state police said the men's actions were "characterized by alertness, initiative and responsible citizenship."

The man apprehended was subsequently sentenced in Van Buren circuit court to serve from three to 10 years in Southern Michigan prison at Jackson on a charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder.

Supports Milliken

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Former Michigan Gov. George Romney says he would campaign for the reelection of Gov. William Milliken this year "if he asks me to."

Milliken, who was Romney's lieutenant governor, has not yet announced for re-election, but is considered leaning strongly toward seeking another four-year term.

Asked at a news conference

Monday night if he had been asked by Milliken to aid him yet, Romney answered "No, he hasn't asked me to."

Questioned whether he felt Milliken should run, Romney said, "I think he should. I think he's been a good governor."

"As good as you?" a newsman asked.

Romney chuckled and answered:

"He's probably been better than me."

BERRIEN HOSPITAL PLAN WINS ROUND

By BRANDON BROWN
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In accord with a committee recommendation, the Southwestern Michigan Comprehensive Health Planning association board Monday stamped a qualified "yes" on Berrien General hospital's request for a new \$225,000 surgery wing.

The okay readies the surgery

issue for final approval or rejection by the State Designated Planning Agency, a branch of the state health department, by early March. The Berrien board of commissioners earlier approved funding the project with revenue sharing money.

The health association board voted 8-3 in favor of the request in an hour and 15-minute meeting Monday at Memorial hospital, St. Joseph.

The endorsement carries with it comments by an association committee that say, among others:

"There is no demonstrated need for acute care, including surgery and obstetrics, at county-owned BGH.

—Endorsing the new surgery

"shall not be construed as an indication that future increases in bed capacity (at BGH) will be approved."

—Though economically feasible, the new \$225,000 surgery

"would result in increased cost to the taxpayers of Berrien county as tax funds will be used to pay for the construction. There will be an increase in cost

to patients that are hospitalized in other facilities which are not reimbursed for such free care to the poor...."

Mrs. Nancy Clark, a Berrien county commissioner and health association board member, asked that the comments be forwarded to county commissioners. Federal revenue-share money from the

county board will pay for BGH's proposed new surgery.

Association approval follows a Feb. 7 hearing by its health facilities committee where a BGH spokesman termed the new surgery almost a life-or-death issue for the hospital. All but one of 12 speakers at the committee hearing favored okaying the new surgery, or in

general giving Berrien General what it needs.

In a discussion before Monday's vote, association members split on whether to approve or deny. Some said BGH's bid for a new surgery should be okayed because it meets association criteria set Nov. 16, 1973; some said it should be denied because county voters on Aug. 8, 1972, turned down millage and bonding for new construction and operations at BGH. Others said it should be okayed because some county residents have a "basic fear" there's no hospital they can turn to but BGH.

The health association board numbers 19. Twelve were present but President Thomas Dube announced he would vote only to break a tie, and the secret ballot was 8-3.

Some comments from association members before the vote:

Dr. William Bock, twin cities surgeon, plumped for disapproving the new surgery now and considering it later this summer when an overall health survey of southwestern Michigan is complete.

Mrs. Octavia Hawkins, a Van Buren county resident, noted voters turned BGH down Aug. 8 and added: "I don't think you can override these kinds of decisions."

Dr. Jeffrey Schmidt, a Benton Harbor dentist, was against

approving because voters said no, the county hospital is a "hodge-podge" and because of "other problems in general" there.

Mrs. Vera Solis, a Van Buren resident and head of the area migrant health care program, said association members would be "idiots" to think BGH would continue to exist if the new surgery were disapproved.

Mrs. Marge Morrow, a nursing representative, said the proposed surgery meets association criteria.

Mrs. Clark said she hoped the association would okay the surgery request—and send committee comments to the county board of commissioners.

Mrs. Mary DeFoe, from Model Cities of Benton Harbor-Benton township, favored the new surgery because some residents, the working poor, have a "basic fear" of being turned down at other hospitals.

Mrs. Frieda Brown favored giving BGH what it needs to provide better care to the public.

The health association must send its recommendation to the State Designated Planning Agency by Thursday. The state unit will act within 15 days, said John Ross, association executive director.

Other association members attending Monday were Dr. E.D. Silvernale, J. Howard Edwards and Derek Marshall.



MAJORITY SAYS YES: Directors of area health planning review agency Monday endorsed request by county-owned Berrien General hospital at Berrien Center for new surgery wing. It goes to

state now. Board members (from foreground, counterclockwise) Mrs. Nancy Clark, Dr. E.D. Silvernale, J. Howard Edwards, Mrs. Marge Morrow, Mrs. Vera Solis, Mrs. Octavia Hawkins, Mrs. Mary

DeFoe, Mrs. Frieda Brown, Dr. Jeff Schmidt, Derek Marshall (in rear), and Dr. William Bock. (Staff photo)